(*b*) whether it is a fact that six officers were similarly sent to Madras some time ago to learn this work, and there are in the department two Assistant Commissioners and one First Grade Inspector so trained ;

(*c*) whether the Assistant Commissioner or the Excise Inspector in charge of the Nagercoil distillery has been trained in distillery work ; and

(*d*) if they are not, whether it is not possible to send one of the two trained Assistant Commissioners to the Nagercoil division and put Mr. A. Raman Pillai, First Grade Inspector, in charge of the distillery and thus save the money that is going to be spent on the Inspectors proposed to be sent to Madras ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) and (*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

(*d*) In the interests of the department and of the officers themselves, it is not desirable to keep an officer for a long time in the same station and on the same work and hence the necessity to train more officers.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state for what length of time Mr. Parasu Pillai was in charge of distillery work ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : I have no information ready.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*) : May I ask whether first grade Inspector Mr. Raman Pillai was ever in charge of the distilleries ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Government have no information. The training of these officers took place in 1085, and I must have notice of this new question.

Distillery Training for Excise Inspectors.

32. MR T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have decided to depute two Excise Inspectors to Madras for training in distillery work ?

(*b*) Are there any officers in the Excise Department who have already undergone the required training in distillery work ? If so, what is their number and what offices do they hold now ?

(*c*) Has any one of them been appointed to any of the distilleries?

(*d*) If not, will the Government be pleased to postpone the consideration of the question of spending money for such training until the department accepts the principle of employing on distillery work those already trained for the work ?

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MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) to (*d*) The member is referred to the answer furnished to interpellation No. 30.

Evasion of Payment of Customs Duty.

33. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) (i) Are the Government aware of the fact that large consignments of cocoanut, coir, fibre and other dutiable articles have been, of late, allowed to pass through the Quilon Land Entrance chowkey without payment of duty?

(ii) Has the Excise Commissioner reported to the Government on the subject? If not, will they be pleased to call for the records and place them on the table?

(*b*) Are they aware of the fact that more than one firm at Alleppey have of late been exporting dutiable articles, *viz.*, the produce of cocoanut trees, without payment of duty?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (i) No dutiable articles are reported to have been allowed to pass the Quilon Land Entrance chowkey without payment of duty.

(ii) In view of the answer to part (*a*) this question does not arise.

(*b*) One Alleppey firm has been reported to have exported cocoanut oil without payment of full duty.

Smuggling through the Quilon Land Entrance Chowkey.

34. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Have the Government had occasion to know that, although cocoanut oil valued at a considerable amount was smuggled through the Land Entrance chowkey, Quilon, in 1098, and the same was detected, the authorities concerned have not taken any legal action in the matter? If not, will the Government be pleased to call for the records and examine them?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to interpellation No. 33.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): These are not identical questions. Mr. M. N. Pillai's question is about the consignment of cocoannt, coir, etc. My question is about cocoanut oil alone.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A portion of the question of Mr. M. N. Pillai relates to cocoanut oil. *Vide* part (*b*).

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): That is only about the Alleppey firm.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, only about it.

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